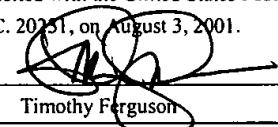




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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2001 (Paper No. 17), for which a response was due on July 12, 2001, and for which a one (1) month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from July 12, 2001 to August 12, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.